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In re application of  
Koji Hayashi et al  
Application No. 11/586,368  
Filed: July 18, 2006  
For: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HYBRID  
VEHICLES

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO  
: PARTICIPATE IN PATENT  
: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY  
: PROGRAM AND PETITION  
: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
: 37 CFR 1.102(d)

*SUM*  
This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed January 2, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are GRANTED.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest Office action from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

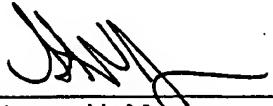
In light of the preliminary amendment filed January 2, 2008 with the petition, the request to participate in the PPH pilot program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Steven N. Meyers, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-6611.

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